

Argentina – Buenos Aires

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

FACT SHEET



The Argentina - Buenos Aires GYTS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on five determinants of tobacco use: access/availability and price, environmental tobacco smoke exposure (ETS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are some of the components Argentina could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Argentina – Buenos Aires GYTS was a school-based

survey of students in grades 1-3, conducted in 2000. A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Buenos Aires. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 95.7%, the student response rate was 88.5%, and the overall response rate was 84.7%. A total of 2254 students participated in the Argentina –Buenos Aires GYTS.

Prevalence

60.0% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 57.3%, Female = 62.6%)
 32.8% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 30.9%, Female = 33.8%)
 30.2% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 27.8%, Female = 31.8%)
 8.7% currently use other tobacco products (Male = 10.4%, Female = 6.8%)
 25.1% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Knowledge and Attitudes

8.6% think boys and 9.1% think girls who smoke have more friends
 12.0% think boys and 7.8% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

12.0% usually smoke at home
 63.6% buy cigarettes in a store
 93.0% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Environmental Tobacco Smoke

69.6% live in homes where others smoke
 87.6% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
 67.5% think smoking should be banned from public places
 65.9% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 57.7% have one or more parents who smoke
 27.6% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

47.4% want to stop smoking
 51.6% tried to stop smoking during the past year
 62.2% have ever received help to stop smoking

Media and Advertising

62.5% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
 89.8% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
 89.5% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
 18.3% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
 10.4% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

35.0% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
 24.6% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
 23.1% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- 33% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 30% currently smoke cigarettes; 9% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- ETS exposure is very high – 7 in 10 students live in homes where others smoke; 9 in 10 are exposed to smoke in public places; 6 in 10 have parents who smoke.
- Two-thirds of students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Over 6 in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- 6 in 10 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; 9 in 10 students saw pro-cigarette ads in the past 30 days.